Revamp of rural sanitary system

2166. SHRIABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been actively considering to revamp the rural sanitary system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the funds allocated to various States for revamping the sanitary system in rural areas remain either unutilized or diverted for other purposes;

(d) if so, the facts thereof; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to ensure proper implementation of rural sanitary system in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) to (e) Government of India has already restructured the central rural sanitation programme in the year 1999. Based on the feedback received during the implementation period the guidelines were further revised in May, 2002. The revision in the guidelines is a continuous process, based on the feedback from the State Government and if need arises Government can further revise the guidelines.

The funds have been allocated to various districts for implementation of total sanitation campaign under the restructured central rural sanitation programme. Based on the reports received from the State Government it is noticed funds have not been utilized in some project districts. Further there is no report of diversion of funds for other purposes. In order to ensure proper implementation of the programme, Government of India is closely monitoring the projects by sending Review Missions periodically and holding review meeting with the State project implementing agencies. The details of funds allocated and utilized is given in Annexure. [See Appendix 197, Annexure No. 23]